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For:

FORMULATION BASED ON LIPOIC ACID, PROCESS FOR ITS PRO-DUCTION AND THE USE OF THIS FORMULATION FOR ORAL ADMIN-ISTRATION OF LIPOIC ACID

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## <u>REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c)</u> AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of January 26, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following request for reconsideration be entered and considered in the prosecution of the above-identified application:

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1 to 11 as submitted by applicants on October 30, 2003 (date of the Certificate of Mailing) are currently pending.